Dear Colleagues,

The First Annual Edwards’ Chicago History Fair was a success!! The eighth graders learned so much about research and Chicago history/current affairs. The following are the winners that will be representing Edwards at the city competition on April 9th at the Illinois Institute of Technology:

* Human Trafficking in Chicago

Exhibitors: Yessenia Gonzalez and Leslie Galeno

* Chicago Meat Gone Bad!

Exhibitors: Sylwia Zatloka, Priscilla Carmona, and Mariela Guzman

* Inside The Jungle

Exhibitors: Enrique Lauriano

* Chicago Packing Towns

Exhibitors: Yulisa Manzo and Diana Perez

* Bullied To Death

Exhibitors: Daniel Reyes, Stephany Palomino, and Joslyne Orellana

* Lethal Injustice: The Road to Death

Exhibitors: Crystal Diaz and Anais Cedillo

* The Chicago Meat Dilemma of the 1850s -1900s

Exhibitors: Juan Luna, Juan Salgado, and Juan Sanchez-Rodriguez

* Enforcing Civil Unions

Exhibitors: Alexandra Zavala, Karina Melgoza, and Stephany Joachim

* The Castle of the Tortured Souls

Exhibitors: Katherine Angulo, Elizabeth Herrera, and Chanel Lopez

* Women’s Suffrage in Chicago

Exhibitors: Cecilia Santamaria

* Meat Packing Towns of Chicago

Exhibitors: Yulisa Manzo and Diana Perez

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Thank you so much,

Ms. Dolly Tovar